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1. For the first time since the end of the war the firm of Carl Zeiss, Jena, has experienced production difficulties, and had to lay off workers at the end of August. The reason for this is primarily the reduction of reparations orders which has resulted in a general lack of raw materials (which had previously been supplied automatically), and the necessity for finding markets for the Zeiss products. Most of the pre-war customers have found other sources of supply, particularly the factory in Hildesheim, U.S. Zone, started by refugees from the Carl Zeiss firm.
2. Zeiss is planning to enlarge its optical research section, in an attempt to make a come-back. So far it has been unsuccessful in recruiting scientists from Western Berlin and West Germany.

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